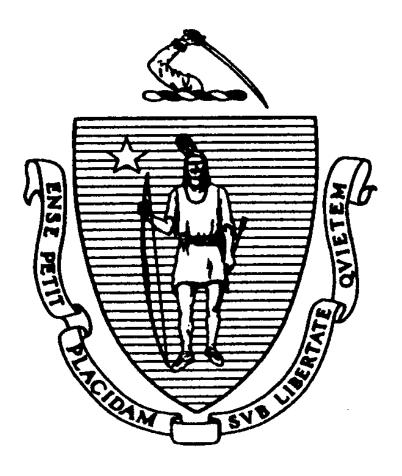
Recidivism of 1997 Released Department of Correction Inmates



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Abstract

This report presents recidivism rates of 2,961 offenders released from Department of Correction facilities during 1997.

The following information describes information contained in <u>section 1</u> of this report. This information represents †recidivism rates for inmates †<u>re-incarcerated</u> within three years of their release to the street from the Department of Correction during 1997.

- Of the 2,961 inmates released to the street from the DOC in 1997, **593** were re-incarcerated within the first year post-release, **402** in their second year post-release, and **231** in their third year post-release, for a total of **1,226** recidivists over the three year period.
- Overall, the recidivism rates for re-incarcerated inmates are 20% for one year post-release, 14% for two year post-release, and 8% for three year post-release, with a total recidivism rate for all three years of 41%.
- Of the 1,226 inmates who returned to custody, 67% of the males and 70% of the females recidivated within 18 months of their release to the street. Thus, by 18 months the recidivism rate for re-incarcerated inmates was 28%.
- Altogether 950 males and 276 females were re-incarcerated within <u>three</u> years of their release.
- Sixty-two percent of the inmates who were re-incarcerated within the threeyear follow-up period were returned due to a new commitment, while 38% were returned for a violation of parole or probation.
- The recidivism rate for inmates being re-incarcerated within one year of their release to the street during §1992 was 22%, compared to a rate of 20% for the 1997 release population.
- Inmates who were released on parole recidivated at a rate of 31% compared to those whose sentence expired (18%) the **first year post-release**. During the second year post-release inmates released on parole had a recidivism rate only slightly higher than those inmates released via Expiration of Sentence/GCD to the street, 14% and 13% respectively.
- For the males, the overall recidivism rate for the three-year post-release period for parolees was 52% compared to a recidivism rate of 38% for those released via expiration of sentence. For females the overall recidivism rate was slightly higher for those released via expiration of sentence (39%) compared to 33% for those released on parole.

[†] Recidivism rate is the rate at which inmates who were released to the street during 1997 were re-incarcerated.

[‡] Re-incarcerated inmates are those inmates who were returned to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

[§] The 1992 recidivism rate did not include inmates released during that year who had served less than 30 days prior to their release to the street.

- Among inmates paroled from the DOC in 1997 who had returned within one year of their release date, those who had a prior parole/probation violation on their present offense were more likely to return on a violation of parole or probation. First releases had a recidivism rate of 22%, while the first year recidivism rate for parole/probation violators was 43%.
- Inmates less than 30 years of age at time of release had a higher recidivism rate (47%) than inmates aged 30 years and older (38%).

Information found in the following bullets represents <u>section 2</u> of this report. This information represents "recidivism rates for inmates ††<u>re-convicted</u> within three years of their release to the street from the Department of Correction during 1997.

- Of the 2,961 inmates released to the street during 1997, 1,419 inmates (48%) had a new conviction within **three years** of their release to the street.
- During the **first year** post-release 27% of the 746 released female inmates were re-convicted, compared to 17% of the 2,215 males.
- Female inmates recidivated at a rate of 55% by the end of the three-year follow-up period, compared to a rate of 46% for male inmates.
- By the end of the **first year** post-release, paroled inmates had a much lower rate of recidivism (11%), compared to the rate for inmates who's sentence had expired or were discharged (23%).
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period inmates released via parole had a lower recidivism rate (39%), than inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (53%).
- Forty percent (n=564) of the 1,419 inmates who received a new conviction did so within the first year of their release to the street.
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, releases from a maximum-security facility (n=100) had the highest recidivism rate of all the security level designations, with 68% of those inmates receiving a re-conviction.
- During the first year post release, releases from a secure facility had a higher rate of recidivating (23%), than releases from a lower security facility (14%).
- Property offenders had the highest recidivism rate of all the offense categories, with 58% of the inmates with a governing property offense being re-convicted within **three years** of their release to the street.

^{**} Recidivism rate in this section refers to the rate at which inmates released to the street during 1997 were re-convicted.

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^{††} Re-convicted inmates are those inmates who received a new conviction (incarceration, fine, probation, suspended sentence, guilty/guilty filed) within three years of their release to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

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Introduction

This report presents a statistical description and the recidivism rates of offenders released to the street via expiration of sentence, good conduct discharge, or parole from Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) facilities during 1997.

Recidivism rates presented in Section One only reflect those calculated for inmates who were re-incarcerated within three years post-release. When collecting information on re-incarceration the inmates movements are tracked during the three-year period using the Department of Correction VAX computer system, Department of Correction Inmate Management System (IMS), CARI file, DOC Inmate Six Part Folder, and through contacting various houses of correction. An inmate can be re-incarcerated in one of the following ways: technical violation of parole, violation of parole with a new offense, new commitment to county custody, new commitment to state or federal custody, technical violation of probation, or probation violation with a new offense. Statistics presented in Section Two include data regarding recidivism rates for inmates who were re-convicted three years post-release. Information on re-conviction is collected from the inmate's CARI file. If an inmate receives one of the following convictions within three years of their release to the street they are considered a recidivist: incarceration, suspended sentence, fine, probation, quilty/quilty filed. To get a complete recidivism rate for both re-conviction and re-incarceration, the two definitions are combined in the third section. The third section presents statistics on inmates who were re-incarcerated or re-convicted three years post-release. Although an inmate could have both a re-conviction and a re-incarceration within the three-year period, the first instance of either occurring is coded. Because it is the first instance of either a re-conviction or re-incarceration that occurred for each inmate, the total in section three will not equal the combined total of the previous two sections. It is important to keep in mind that the first instance of a re-conviction or re-incarceration is coded not the most serious. In other words, if an inmate's first instance of a re-conviction or re-incarceration is a reconviction of a fine and the second occurrence is a two-year re-commitment, the first instance of a fine is coded. If a re-conviction and a re-incarceration occur at the same time, the re-incarceration information is coded. A technical note section provides information on inmates who were not included in the study and provides data on the recidivism rate for re-incarcerated inmates excluding technical violations of parole and probation. This report reflects the third Recidivism Report produced by the Department of Correction where recidivism data has been expanded to a three-year follow-up period. There are two major reasons for this change. First, we wanted to improve our ability to compare our findings with those collected nationally and from other states, many of whom report recidivism rates in a three-year outlook. Second, by increasing the comprehensiveness of the data collected we are able to analyze the rate of recidivism on a larger scope. This is particularly important, since many offenders may get arrested within the first year or two of being released, but not necessarily convicted and incarcerated until over a year after being released.

Information contained in this report includes recidivism rates with regard to release variables, nature of present offense, personal background, and release follow-up variables. Each table contains information describing characteristics of offenders released during 1997 and the recidivism rates for each of the categories of statistical data for these offenders.

Method

There are three definitions of a recidivist used in this report. First; A recidivist is defined as any release to the street from a Department of Correction facility who is reincarcerated in a Massachusetts state correctional institution, to a Massachusetts

house of correction/jail, or to a federal facility within three years of their date of release to the street. Second; A recidivist is defined as any release to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility who is re-convicted within three years of their release to the street. Third, a recidivist is any release to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility who is reincarcerated or re-convicted to a Massachusetts state correctional institution, to a Massachusetts house of correction/jail, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street. For example, if an inmate was released from a state facility on 5-1-95, in order to be considered a recidivist they would have to be re-committed or re-convicted by 5-1-98. This includes parole/probation violators as well as those offenders sentenced for new crimes. The offender's first re-commitment or re-conviction is used in the study. If the re-commitment and the re-incarceration occur on the same day, the re-incarceration information is coded.

Definition Change

Reports Prior to 1995

Definition: A recidivist is any inmate released from the Department of Correction in a given year, who served at least 30 days, who was reincarcerated for at least 30 days to a Massachusetts state or county facility within a year of their release to the street. The inmate's most serious offense within the first year is coded.

1995 and 1996 Reports

Definition: A recidivist is any inmate released from the Department of Correction in a given year, who served at least 30 days, who was reincarcerated for at least 30 days at a Massachusetts state or county facility within 3 years of their release to the street. The inmate's first instance of re-incarceration is coded.

Post 1996 Reports

Definition: First, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street from the Department of Correction in a given year, who was re-incarcerated in a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street. Second, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street from the Department of Correction in a given year, who is re-convicted within three years of their release to the street. Third, a recidivist is any inmate released to the street form the Massachusetts Department of Correction in a given year, who is re-incarcerated in a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility, or reconvicted within three years of their release to the street. The inmate's first instance of re-incarceration and/or re-conviction within the three-year period is coded.

During 1997, there were 2,961 releases from DOC facilities that are included in this report. This included 2,215 males and 746 females. Any release of an offender where the release was not to the community (i.e., released to a new sentence at a state, Federal or county facility, or released to and held on a warrant) was excluded from the sample.

OVERVIEW OF 1997 RELEASE POPULATION

The following is a summary of the 1997 release population, which was utilized to calculate the recidivism rates contained in this report.

- A total of 2,961^{‡‡} inmates were released from the DOC in 1997 and are included in this report. Of those inmates 2,215 were males and 746 were females.
- Release to parole totaled 1,033, while 1,928 were released via expiration of sentence.
- The breakdown of security level of releasing institution is as follows; 100 were released from a maximum security facility, 1,669 from a medium security, 663 from a minimum security, 309 from a minimum prerelease, 131 from a state pre-release, and 89 from a contract pre-release.
- Of the 2,961 inmates released, 1,044 served time for a person offense, 692 for a drug offense, 540 for a property offense, 472 for 'other' types of offenses, and 213 for a sex offense.
- Inmates released from the DOC in 1997 ranged in age from 17 to 73 years of age, with an average age of 33.17 years.
- Fifty five percent (n=1617) of the 1997 release population were Caucasian. Seven hundred and sixty-three of the inmates released (26%) were African American, Nineteen percent (n=563) were Hispanic, 11 were Asian, and 7 were other.
- Of the 2,961 inmates released, 68% had a marital status of single.
- Forty-two percent of the released inmates (n=1,244) were incarcerated for less than one year.

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^{*} Please note: Due to rounding, percentages in tables within this report may not add up to 100%.

Note: In 1997, a total of 2,982 inmates were released to the street from DOC custody, 21 did not meet the definition for the study and were dropped from the analysis for Recidivism. Of the 21 inmates that were dropped from the study, 16 were a release file error, 2 were not released to the community, 3 inmates died prior to the end of the follow-up period.

Section One: Recidivism Rates Re-incarceration **Three Years** Post-Release

Type of Return

Table 1: Type of Return, Male Recidivist, Three Year Follow-up Period

	<u>1s</u> 1	1st year		l year	3rd year		<u>Tota</u>	<u>al</u>
Type of Return	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Parole Violation-Technical	139	32%	41	13%	17	9%	197	21%
Parole Violation New Arrest	67	15%	52	16%	17	9%	136	14%
Commitment-HOC	138	31%	164	50%	107	59%	409	43%
Commitment-DOC	77	18%	46	14%	29	16%	152	16%
Probation Violation-Technical	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	0%
Probation Violation new Arrest	18	4%	23	7%	12	7%	53	6%
TOTAL	440	100%	328	100%	182	100%	950	100%

Table 1 presents the distribution of types of returns for male recidivists who returned within the **three-year** follow-up period.

• Of the 950 males who recidivated within the three year period, 59% received a new court commitment, 35% were returned for a violation of parole, and 6% were committed for a violation of probation. Forty-seven percent of the 440 recidivists returning in the **first year** returned as a parole violator. The percentage of male inmates returning as violation of parole during the second and third year of the follow-up period were 28% and 19% respectively.

Table 2: Type of Return, Female Recidivist, Three Year Follow-up Period

	<u>1st</u>	t year	<u>2nc</u>	<u>year</u>	3rd year		<u>Tot</u>	<u>al</u>
Type of Return	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Parole Violation-Technical	30	20%	2	3%	2	4%	34	12%
Parole Violation New Arrest	12	8%	1	1%	1	2%	14	5%
Commitment-HOC	14	9%	10	14%	6	12%	30	11%
§§Commitment-DOC	79	52%	49	66%	38	78%	166	60%
Probation Violation-Technical	2	1%	2	3%	1	2%	5	2%
Probation Violation new Arrest	16	10%	10	14%	1	2%	27	10%
TOTAL	153	100%	74	100%	49	100%	276	100%

• For females who returned within the **three-year** follow-up period, the largest percentage of the recidivists (60%) returned as a DOC commitment. A total of 71% of the recidivists who returned within the 3 year follow-up period were a new court commitment (11% returning as a commitment to a county house of correction and 60% returning as a commitment to the Department of Correction.) During the first year of the follow-up period a significant percentage of female inmates were returned for a violation of parole (28%). This declined in both the second and third years of the follow-up period. During the second year of the study, of those inmates who returned only 4% were for a violation of parole. Of the female inmates who returned during the third year, only 6% were for a parole violation. The majority of the females (86%) were returned as a new arrest (parole violation w/new arrest, probation violation w/new arrest, DOC commitment, or HOC commitment).

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It is important to note, due to the fact that there is not a county facility for women, a large number of women are committed to the DOC to serve a county sentence.

• Of the 1.226

inmates who recidivated within **three**

years post-

release, 230

parole or

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violation

with a new

arrest. Of

those, 151

(66%) were

convicted of their new

returned for a

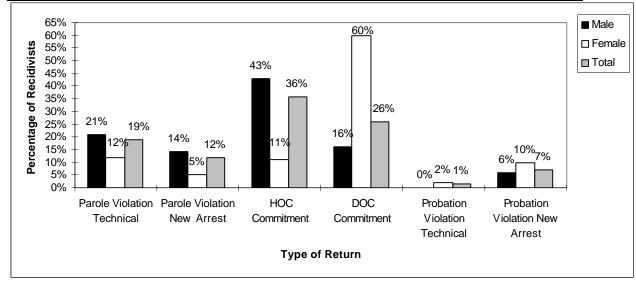


Figure 1: Type of Return for recidivist returning within the three Year Follow-up Period, by gender

Disposition of New Arrest

When an inmate is returned to custody for a violation of parole or probation with a new arrest, the disposition of that arrest is used to provide data about the outcome of the case, (i.e. they were found guilty, not guilty, and if guilty what was the sentence, probation, state sentence,....)

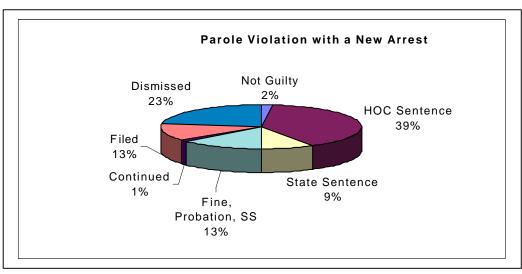
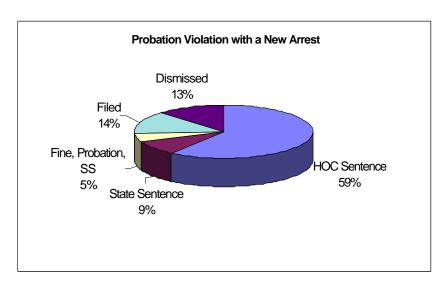


Figure 2: Disposition of New Arrest, Parole Violation, Three Years Post-Release

offense, with 20 inmates receiving a state sentence, 107 inmates were given a HOC sentence, and 24 inmates received a fine, suspended sentence, or probation.

- Of parole violators with a new arrest, 39% received a house of correction sentence, 23% were dismissed, 13% were filed, 13% received a fine, probation, or a suspended sentence, 9% received a state sentence, and 1% of the cases were continued.
- Of the 150 inmates who were returned for a violation of parole with a new arrest, 92 (61%) of them were convicted of their new offense (new sentence, fine, suspended sentence, or probation.)

Figure 3: Disposition of New Arrest, Probation Violation, Three Years Post-Release



- · At the end of the three-year follow-up period 80 inmates had returned for a probation violation with a new arrest. Of those inmates, 59 (74%) were convicted of their offense (received a new sentence, fine, suspended sentence, or probation.)
- A total of 69% of the inmates who were returned for a violation of probation with a

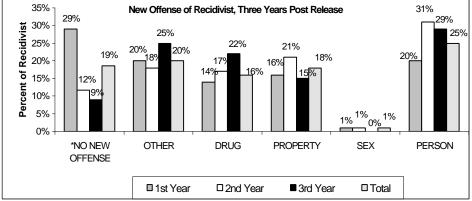
new arrest were recommitted for their offense, 9% receiving a state sentence, and 59% being sentenced to a house of correction.

New Offense

If an offender is not reincarcerated for a technical violation of parole or probation, the offender is recommitted as the result of committing a new offense. Figure 7 shows

35% New Offense of Recidivist, Three Years Post Release 29% 30%

Figure 7: New Offense of Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release



recidivism rates by new offense for inmates returning within the three-year follow-up period.

- Of the 1,226 recidivists who returned within **three years** post-release, 239 were returned for a technical violation of parole or probation and did not have a new offense. The remaining 987 recidivists (81%) had a return type that involved a new offense: parole violation with a new arrest, probation violation with a new arrest, county commitment to a house of correction, or a state commitment to the DOC.
- During the **first-year** post-release 593 inmates were recidivists. The largest number of inmates returning in the first year were for a technical violation of parole or probation (29%), these inmates did not have a new offense. For the remaining 421 inmates who had a new offense, the 'other' offense category had the highest number of returns with 119 (20%) of the inmates returning for an offense in this category, followed by person offenses (20%), property offense (16%), drug offenses (14%), and sex offenses (1%).

- During the second year post-releases 402 inmates were re-incarcerated. Thirty-one percent were returned for a person offense, 21% for a property offense, 18% for an 'other' offense, 17% for a drug offense, 1% for a sex offense, and 12% of the inmates returned for a technical violation and did not have a new offense.
- During the **third year** post-release a total of 231 inmates were recidivists. The largest proportion of inmates was returned for a person offense, with 29% being returned for an offense in this category.

Time Until Return

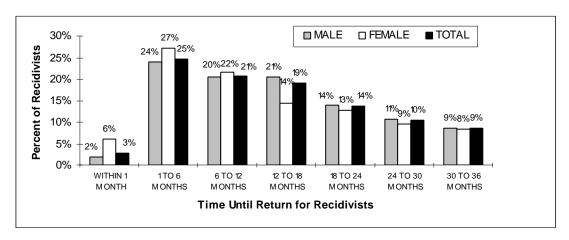
Table 3 shows the length of time an offender was in the community before being reincarcerated, by gender.

• Of the 1,226 inmates who recidivated during the three-year follow-up period, 590 inmates (48%) returned to custody within one year of their release date.

Table 3: Time Until Return by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

	Male		Femal	e	Total	Total		
Time Until Return	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>		
Within 1 Month	17	2%	17	6%	34	3%		
1 Month - 6 Months	227	24%	75	27%	302	25%		
6 Months - 12 Months	194	20%	60	22%	254	21%		
12 Months - 18 Months	195	21%	40	14%	235	19%		
18 Months - 24 Months	133	14%	35	13%	168	14%		
24 Months - 30 months	102	11%	26	9%	128	10%		
30 Months - 36 Months	82	9%	23	8%	105	9%		
Total	950	100%	276	100%	1226	100%		

Figure 5: Time Until Return, by Gender, Three Years Post-Release



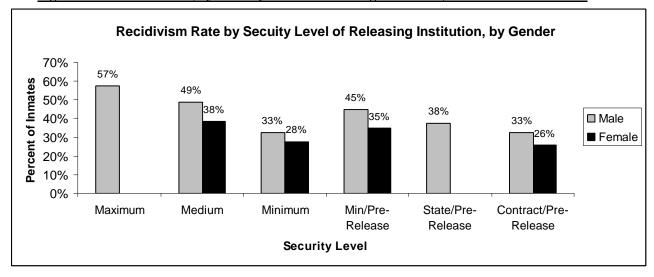
- Forty-six percent (n=438) of the 950 **males** that recidivated, did so within the first year of their release to the street. Another 328 male inmates (35%) recidivated between 12 and 24 months of their release, and 184 male inmates (19%) returned within the 24 to 36 month period.
- For **female** offenders, 152 (55%) returned within one year of their release date, followed by 75 inmates (27%) returning between 12 and 24 months, and 49 inmates (18%) returning within 24 to 36 months of their release date.
- By 18 months post-release, 67% of the 950 males who recidivated had been recommitted.
- Seventy percent of the **females** who were recidivists returned within 18 months of their release date.

Institution Released From

Table 4: Recidivism Rate by Security Level, by Gender, Three-Years Post Release

		1st Y	′ear	2nd \	Year	3rd Ye	ear	Tota	al
Female									
	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Medium	614	130	21%	66	11%	40	7%	236	38%
Minimum	26	3	12%	1	4%	3	12%	7	28%
Minimum/Pre-Release	70	14	20%	5	7%	5	7%	24	35%
Contract/Pre-Release	36	6	17%	2	6%	1	3%	9	26%
Total	746	153	21%	74	10%	49	7 %	276	37%
		1st Y	1st Year		Year	3rd \	Year	To	tal
Male									
	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Maximum	100	24	24%	21	21%	12	12%	57	57%
Medium	1055	241	23%	183	17%	88	8%	512	49%
Minimum	637	88	14%	73	11%	47	7%	208	33%
Minimum/Pre-Release	239	51	21%	33	14%	23	10%	107	45%
State/Pre-Release	131	27	21%	14	11%	8	6%	49	38%
Contract/Pre-Release	53	9	17%	4	8%	4	8%	17	33%
Total	2215	440	20%	328	15%	182	8%	950	43%

Figure 6: Recidivism Rate, by Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post Release



- Of the female recidivists returning three years post-release, releases from medium security (n=614) had the highest percentage of recidivists, with 236 inmates (38%) returning. Female inmates released from contract/pre-release (n=36) had the lowest rate of recidivating (26%).
- Of the 2,215 male inmates released during 1997, releases from a maximum-security facility (n=100) had the highest recidivism rate, with 57 inmates (57%) being re-incarcerated within three years of their release to the street.

Table 5: Recidivism Rates by Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post-Release

	Non-Recidivists	Recidivists	Total	Rec Rate
Maximum				
Cedar Junction	43	57	100	57%
sub-total	43	57	100	57%
Medium				
Bay State	2	1	3	33%
Bridgewater S.H.	2	2	4	50%
Concord	91	89	180	49%
Framingham	378	236	614	38%
Mass Boot Camp	42	33	75	44%
Mass Treatment Center	10	2	12	17%
NCCI-Gardner	67	63	130	48%
Norfolk	75	73	148	49%
Old Colony	38	51	89	57%
Shirley Med	93	104	197	53%
Southeastern	123	94	217	43%
Sub-total	921	748	1669	45%
Minimum				
MA Boot Camp	32	16	48	33%
Plymouth	49	31	80	39%
Northeastern C.C.	77	60	137	44%
Longwood	155	34	189	18%
Pondville	41	21	62	34%
Shirley Minimum	94	53	147	36%
Sub-Total	448	215	663	32%
Minimum Pre-Rel				
Lancaster	99	57	156	37%
South Middlesex	79	74	153	48%
Sub-total	178	131	309	42%
State Pre-release				
Boston State	54	30	84	36%
Park Drive	28	19	47	40%
Subtotal	82	49	131	37%
Contract Pre-Release				
Charlotte House	13	6	19	32%
Houston House	9	3	12	25%
PPREP	41	17	58	29%
Subtotal	63	26	89	29%
Grand total	1735	1226	2961	41%
Ciana total				

^{*} Security level designations represent security levels from the DOC count sheet of 12/31/97.

^{**} Souza Baranowski C.C. is not included, as it did not exist in 1995.

 $^{^{\}star\star\star}$ Releases from Hodder House are included in Framingham count.

^{*****}In October of 1995, MA Bootcamp added 128 beds to security level 4 design capacity.

Type of Release

Table 6 presents the recidivism rates by type of release and security level of releasing institution for each of the three years in the study, as well as, the total recidivism rates for the three-year follow-up period. In this table, comparisons are made between inmates released on parole and inmates who are released via expiration of sentence/discharge. Inmates on parole are released into the community under the supervision of a parole officer. Individuals released by expiration of sentence/certificate of discharge are not under supervision, unless they are required to serve a term of probation. Whether or not it is the inmate's first release is also examined.

- During the <u>first year</u> post-release, parolees that had a prior parole or probation violation recidivated at a much higher rate (43%) than parolees whose release off of this sentence was their first release (22%).
- Of the 593 inmates that returned within the **first year** post-release, those who were released via parole had a recidivism rate of 27%, whereas the recidivism rate of those released via expiration of sentence was 16%.
- The difference seen in the recidivism rate during the **first year** for releases on parole versus releases on expiration of sentence were not seen in the second and third year of the follow-up period. During the **second year** post-release, the recidivism rate for parolees was 14% compared to 13% for those released expiration of sentence, and during the **third year** post-release the recidivism rate was slightly higher for inmates released via expiration of sentence (8%), compared to inmates paroled to the street (7%).
- Overall, by the end of the three-year follow-up period the recidivism rate for inmates released on parole was higher (48%) than the rate for those released via expiration of sentence (38%).
- Releases from a secure facility had a higher recidivism rate (46%) than did releases from a lower security (35%), **three years** post-release.

Table 7 presents the recidivism rates for type of release and by gender of the offender. Again, whether this was the recidivist's first release off of their sentence, or if they had a prior parole/probation violation is also reflected in this table.

- During the first year post-release, **Female** offenders had a higher recidivism rate (21%) than male offenders (20%).
- During the first year post release, **males** recidivated at almost twice the rate (29%) if paroled to the street than if released via expiration of sentence/discharge to the street (15%). There was only a slight difference in the recidivism rates of males returning in the <u>second year</u> of the study, with parolees having a recidivism rate of 16%, and offenders released by expiration of sentence/discharge recidivating at a rate of 14%. During the third-year post release, males that were released via expiration of sentence had a slightly higher recidivism rate than those released by parole (9% and 7% respectively.)
- Overall, **male** offenders released on parole had a higher recidivism rate (52%) than those released by expiration of sentence/discharge (38%).
- During the **first year** post-release, **females** recidivated at a higher rate (22%) if released on parole than if released by expiration of sentence (20%). This was not the same for the second and third year of the follow-up period. Females who were released via expiration of sentence who returned during the **second year** post-release had a higher recidivism rate (11%) than those released on parole (7%). During the **third year** post-release, female parolees had a recidivism rate of 5%, where females released by expiration had a slightly higher recidivism rate (7%).

Table 6: Recidivism Rates by Type of Release and Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three **Years Post-Release (Re-incarceration)**

First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE	E FACILITIE	LOWER	SECUR	ITY ^{†††}	TOTAL			
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	81	25%	456	91	20%	776	172	22%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	81	43%	68	30	44%	257	111	43%
SUBTOTAL	509	162	32%	524	121	23%	1033	283	27%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	179	19%	500	46	9%	1453	225	15%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	54	18%	168	31	18%	475	85	18%
SUBTOTAL	1260	233	18%	668	77	12%	1928	310	16%
TOTAL	1769	395	22%	1192	198	17%	2961	593	20%

Second Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOW	ER SECUI	RITY	TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	46	14%	456	47	10%	776	93	12%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	32	17%	68	17	25%	257	49	19%
SUBTOTAL	509	78	15%	524	64	12%	1033	142	14%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	134	14%	500	49	10%	1453	183	13%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	58	19%	168	19	11%	475	77	16%
SUBTOTAL	1260	192	15%	668	68	10%	1928	260	13%
TOTAL	1769	270	15%	1192	132	11%	2961	402	14%

Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOW	ER SECUI	RITY	TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	24	8%	456	29	6%	776	53	7%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	11	6%	68	4	6%	257	15	6%
SUBTOTAL	509	35	7%	524	33	6%	1033	68	7%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	80	8%	500	31	6%	1453	111	8%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	25	8%	168	27	16%	475	52	11%
SUBTOTAL	1260	105	8%	668	58	9%	1928	163	8%
TOTAL	1769	140	8%	1192	91	8%	2961	231	8%

Total-Three Years Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES			LOW	ER SECUI	RITY	TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	151	47%	456	167	37%	776	318	41%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	124	66%	68	51	75%	257	175	68%
SUBTOTAL	509	275	54%	524	218	42%	1033	493	48%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	393	41%	500	126	25%	1453	519	36%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	137	45%	168	77	46%	475	214	45%
SUBTOTAL	1260	530	42%	668	203	30%	1928	733	38%
TOTAL	1769	805	46%	1192	421	35%	2961	1226	41%

^{***} Secure Facility refers to releases from a Maximum or a Medium Security Facility.

††† Minimum security, minimum pre-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release are lower security facilities.

Table 7: Recidivism Rates by Type of Release and Sex of Offender, Three Years Post-Release (Re-incarceration)

First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MA	LE	FEMALE				TOT	٩L	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	126	23%	226	46	20%	776	172	22%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	103	44%	22	8	36%	257	111	43%
SUB-TOTAL	785	229	29%	248	54	22%	1033	283	27%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	1010	141	14%	443	84	19%	1453	225	15%
PAR/PROB VIOL	420	70	17%	55	15	27%	475	85	18%
SUBTOTAL	1430	211	15%	498	99	20%	1928	310	16%
TOTAL	2215	440	20%	746	153	21%	2961	593	20%

Second Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MA	LE	FEMALE			TOTAL			
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	78	14%	226	15	7%	776	93	12%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	47	20%	22	2	9%	257	49	19%
SUB-TOTAL	785	125	16%	248	17	7%	1033	142	14%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	1010	133	13%	443	50	11%	1453	183	13%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	70	17%	55	7	13%	475	77	16%
SUBTOTAL	1430	203	14%	498	57	11%	1928	260	13%
TOTAL	2215	328	15%	746	74	10%	2961	402	14%

Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MA	LE		FEM.	ALE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	42	8%	226	11	5%	776	53	7%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	14	6%	22	1	5%	257	15	6%
SUB-TOTAL	785	56	7%	248	12	5%	1033	68	7%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	1010	80	8%	443	31	7%	1453	111	8%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	46	11%	55	6	11%	475	52	11%
SUBTOTAL	1430	126	9%	498	37	7%	1928	163	8%
TOTAL	2215	182	8%	746	49	7%	2961	231	8%

Total-Three Years Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	LE		FEMA	ALE		TOT	AL	
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	246	45%	226	72	32%	776	318	41%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	164	70%	22	11	50%	257	175	68%
SUB-TOTAL	785	410	52%	248	83	33%	1033	493	48%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	1010	354	35%	443	165	37%	1453	519	36%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	186	44%	55	28	51%	475	214	45%
SUBTOTAL	1430	540	38%	498	193	39%	1928	733	38%
TOTAL	2215	950	43%	746	276	37%	2961	1226	41%

Table 8: Recidivism Rates by Selected Characteristics and Gender, Three Year Post-Release (Re-incarceration)

Selected Characteristics	N	Males		Fem					
	N	rec	rate	N	rec	rate	N	rec	rate
*RACE									
Caucasian	1101	405	37%	516	191	37%	1617	596	37%
African American	670	340	51%	93	41	44%	763	381	50%
Hispanic [*]	432	201	47%	131	41	31%	563	242	43%
Asian	7	1	14%	4	1	25%	11	2	18%
Other	5	3	60%	2	2	100%	7	5	71%
AGE AT RELEASE									
17 years	1	1	%	1	0	0%	2	1	50%
18 years	8	2	25%	7	1	14%	15	3	20%
19 years	22	10	45%	6	1	17%	28	11	39%
20 years	32	11	34%	14	3	21%	46	14	30%
21 years	60	20	33%	17	6	35%	77	26	34%
22 years	59	38	64%	12	4	33%	71	42	59%
23 years	78	39	50%	14	5	36%	92	44	48%
24 years	90	42	47%	18	9	50%	108	51	47%
25 to 29 years	511	252	49%	162	83	51%	673	335	50%
30 to 34 years	500	234	47%	178	64	36%	678	298	44%
35 to 39 years	412	176	43%	165	62	38%	577	238	41%
40 to 44 years	211	72	34%	90	27	30%	301	99	33%
45 to 49 years	115	33	29%	38	7	18%	153	40	26%
50 to 54 years	71	13	18%	17	3	18%	88	16	18%
55 to 59 years	25	5	20%	7	1	14%	32	6	19%
60 to 64 years	15	2	13%	0	0	n.a.	15	2	13%
65 to 69 years	2	0	0%	0	0	n.a.	2	0	0%
70 years or older	3	0	0%	0	0	n.a.	3	0	0%
PRESENT OFFENSE									
Person	933	449	48%	111	45	41%	1044	494	47%
Sex	206	54	26%	7	2	29%	213	56	26%
Property	374	202	54%	166	72	43%	540	274	51%
Drug	489	198	40%	203	69	34%	692	267	39%
Other	213	47	22%	259	88	34%	472	135	29%
TOTAL	2215	950	43%	746	276	37%	2961	1226	41%

Table 8 displays the recidivism rate for males and females by race/ethnicity, age, and present offense, **three years** post-release. Overall, the recidivism rate was higher for males (43%) than it was for females (37%), at the end of the three year follow-up period.

As presented in the above table, African Americans had a recidivism rate of 50%, while the recidivism rate for Hispanic inmates was 43%, and Caucasians (non-Hispanic) had a recidivism rate of 37%. Asian inmates had a recidivism rate of 18%, while the rate for the 'other' race category (n=7) had a recidivism rate of 71%. For males, the recidivism rate for African American and Hispanic inmates was 51% and 47% respectively, while the recidivism rate for Caucasian male releases was 37%. For females, African Americans recidivated at a rate of 44%, Caucasian females had a recidivism rate of 37%, and Hispanic females had a recidivism rate of 31%.

The section on age of the offender reveals that for both males and females, the younger inmates had the highest recidivism rates. The offenders who were less than thirty years of age at time of release had a recidivism rate of 47%, compared to a rate of 38% for offenders who were thirty years old or older. Please note, the inmates in the 24 years or younger categories are presented year by year, whereas, the inmates over 24 years in age where placed into categories encompassing a five year time frame.

For the present offense category (the inmates governing offense prior to their release to the street), property offense had the highest recidivism rate (51%), followed by person offense (47%), drug offense (39%), 'other' offenses (29%), and sex offense with a rate of 26%. For **males**, the property

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^{*} In 2000, the Department of Correction implemented expanded race/ethnic definitions. However, since this report examines the recidivism trends of inmates released in 1997, the 2000 race/ethnic definitions are not used in this report.

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offense category had the highest recidivism rate, with 54% of these offenders returning. For the **females**, the property offense category had the highest recidivism rate (43%).

The following section consists solely of statistical tables. When examining the tables, the reader should note the following: (1) 'N' represents the number of releases who fall into the corresponding category in the table; (2) 'Rec' represents the number of releases who are recidivists; (3) 'Rate' (Recidivism Rate) represents the percentage of releases in that category who have recidivated; (4) Some tables may not add to 100% due to rounding; and (5) The social demographic variables race/ethnicity, marital status, prior address, and military discharge are self-reported by the offender at the time of commitment.

Statistical Tables for Re-incarcerated inmates, 1997 Recidivism Release Characteristics, **Three Years** Post-Release

Table 9: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Type of Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Y	ear	3rd Ye	ear	Total		
Type of Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Parole	1033	283	27%	142	14%	68	7%	493	48%	
Discharge/Expiration	1928	310	16%	260	13%	163	8%	733	38%	
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%	

<u>Table 10: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Length of Incarceration, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Y	/ear	2nd	Year	3rd `	Year	То	tal
Length of Incarceration	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Less Than 6 Months	871	163	19%	108	12%	57	7%	328	38%
6 To12 Months	373	62	17%	51	14%	37	10%	150	40%
1 To 2 Years	468	134	29%	61	13%	37	8%	232	50%
2 To 3 Years	457	99	22%	73	16%	34	7%	206	45%
3 To 5 Years	411	78	19%	63	15%	35	9%	176	43%
5 To 10 Years	321	53	17%	39	12%	29	9%	121	38%
10 To 15 Years	47	3	6%	6	13%	2	4%	11	23%
15 or More Years	13	1	8%	1	8%	0	0%	2	15%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Table 11: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Age at Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Ye	ear	2nd Y	'ear	3rd Y	'ear	Tota	ıl
Age at Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
17 Years	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
18 Years	15	2	13%	0	0%	1	7%	3	20%
19 Years	28	4	14%	5	18%	2	7%	11	39%
20 Years	46	9	20%	1	2%	4	9%	14	30%
21 Years	77	9	12%	13	17%	4	5%	26	34%
22 Years	71	16	23%	17	24%	9	13%	42	59%
23 Years	92	21	23%	14	15%	9	10%	44	48%
24 Years	108	29	27%	14	13%	8	7%	51	47%
25 To 29 Years	673	168	25%	111	16%	56	8%	335	50%
30 To 34 Years	678	141	21%	109	16%	48	7%	298	44%
35 To 39 Years	577	112	19%	68	12%	58	10%	238	41%
40 To 44 Years	301	46	15%	34	11%	19	6%	99	33%
45 To 49 Years	153	25	16%	10	7%	5	3%	40	26%
50 To 54 Years	88	9	10%	1	1%	6	7%	16	18%
55 To 59 Years	32	1	3%	3	9%	2	6%	6	19%
60 To 64 Years	15	1	7%	1	7%	0	0%	2	13%
65 To 69 Years	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 Years or older	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Nature of Present Offense Re-incarcerated Inmates

<u>Table 12: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Present Offense, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Year		2nd Year	r	3rd Ye	ar	To	tal
*Present Offense	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Person	1044	235	23%	182	17%	77	7%	494	47%
Sex	213	18	8%	23	11%	15	7%	56	26%
Property	540	142	26%	82	15%	50	9%	274	51%
Drug	692	125	18%	74	11%	68	10%	267	39%
Other	472	73	15%	41	9%	21	4%	135	29%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

^{*} Governing offense category served by inmates when released

Table 13: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Person Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st \	/ear	2nd Y	ear	3rd	Year	Tot	tal
PERSON OFFENSES	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Confine/Put in Fear	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Assault w/ Dangerous	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Weapon - Victim 60+									
Violation of Civil Rights	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Carjacking	5	1	20%	3	60%	0	0%	4	80%
Unarmed Robbery	134	50	37%	23	17%	9	7%	82	61%
Armed Robbery	368	82	22%	77	21%	33	9%	192	52%
Unarmed Robbery - Victim 60+	27	7	26%	5	19%	2	7%	14	52%
Accessory After the Fact	10	3	30%	1	10%	1	10%	5	50%
Assault w/intent to Rob/Murder	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
Being Armed Victim - 60+									
Stalking	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
Assault/Assault & Battery w/DW	176	33	19%	38	22%	16	9%	87	49%
Assault w/int to Rob/Murder Armed	87	22	25%	12	14%	6	7%	40	46%
Conspiracy	7	2	29%	0	0%	1	14%	3	43%
Assault/Assault & Battery	67	19	28%	6	9%	3	4%	28	42%
Assault w/intent to Commit Felony	8	0	0%	2	25%	1	13%	3	38%
Assault to Rob not Being Armed	6	1	17%	1	17%	0	0%	2	33%
Mayhem	10	0	0%	2	20%	1	10%	3	30%
Armed Assault in a Dwelling	17	3	18%	1	6%	1	6%	5	29%
Manslaughter	59	7	12%	8	14%	2	3%	17	29%
Vehicular Homicide	9	0	0%	1	11%	0	0%	1	11%
Murder-2	10	0	0%	0	0%	1	10%	1	10%
Assault w/intent to murder	16	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	1	6%
Kidnapping	14	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Murder-1	3	1	33%	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%
Attempted Murder	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Extortion	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	1044	235	23%	182	17%	77	7%	494	47%
Not a Person Offense	1917	358	19%	220	11%	154	8%	732	38%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Table 14: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Sex, Three Years Post-Release

		1st yea	ar	2nd Ye	ar	3rd Ye	ar	Tota	al
Sex Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Unnatural Acts	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
Rape	37	5	14%	6	16%	4	11%	15	41%
Aggravated Rape	29	3	10%	5	17%	3	10%	11	38%
Rape of a Child w/Force	40	5	13%	6	15%	1	3%	12	30%
Assault w/Intent to Rape	15	1	7%	0	0%	3	20%	4	27%
Indecent A&B on Child < 14	24	1	4%	1	4%	2	8%	4	17%
Indecent A&B on Victim 14+	6	1	17%	0	0%	0	0%	1	17%
Rape and Abuse of a Child	55	2	4%	4	7%	2	4%	8	15%
Assault w/Intent to Rape, Child < 16	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sex Offenses Involving a minor	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	213	18	8%	23	11%	15	7%	56	26%
Not A Sex Offense	2748	575	21%	379	14%	216	8%	1170	43%
TOTAL	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Table 15: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Property Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st `	Year	2nd	Year	3rd \	Year	Tot	tal
Property Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Possession of Burglar Tools	4	2	50%	0	0%	1	25%	3	75%
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking & Entering	229	75	33%	52	23%	19	8%	146	64%
Shoplifting	32	12	38%	1	3%	3	9%	16	50%
Larceny from the Person	22	4	18%	2	9%	5	23%	11	50%
Theft of Motor Vehicle/Non Motor Vehicle	44	13	30%	5	11%	4	9%	22	50%
Receiving Stolen Goods	16	5	31%	2	13%	1	6%	8	50%
Destruction of Property	12	3	25%	2	17%	1	8%	6	50%
Larceny from Elderly/Disabled Person	4	1	25%	1	25%	0	0%	2	50%
Larceny/Stealing	87	17	20%	10	11%	9	10%	36	41%
Arson and Attempted Arson	40	6	15%	6	15%	2	5%	14	35%
Common and Notorious Thief	4	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%
Forgery & Uttering	25	2	8%	1	4%	3	12%	6	24%
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	15	1	7%	0	0%	2	13%	3	20%
Illegal Duplication of Recordings	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Fraud	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	540	142	26%	82	15%	50	9%	274	51%
Not a Property Offense	2421	451	19%	320	13%	181	7%	952	39%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Table 16: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Drug Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st `	Year	2nd	Year	3rd y	year	То	tal
Drug Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Unlawful Poss of Particular Cont.	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Substance-CL A									
*Specific CL B-Distribution or Poss	4	2	50%	1	25%	0	0%	3	75%
w/Int to Distribute, Subsequent									
Unlawful Poss of Particular Cont.	4	0	0%	2	50%	1	25%	3	75%
Substance									
Controlled Substance-Class A	13	5	38%	2	15%	1	8%	8	62%
*CL B-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Dist,Sub	14	5	36%	0	0%	3	21%	8	57%
Poss of Hypodermic Syringe/Instrument	13	5	38%	1	8%	1	8%	7	54%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
*Marijuana-Trafficking 50-100 LBS	2	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%
Controlled Substance-No Class Specified	74	20	27%	9	12%	7	9%	36	49%
CL B-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Distribute	148	26	18%	22	15%	14	9%	62	42%
CL A-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Distribute	106	19	18%	9	8%	15	14%	43	41%
*Drug Violation,School/Park	45	10	22%	4	9%	4	9%	18	40%
*Specific CL B-Distribution or Poss	75	14	19%	9	12%	6	8%	29	39%
W/Int to Distribute									
*CL A-Distribution or Poss W/Int to	16	2	13%	2	13%	2	13%	6	38%
Dist, Subsequent									
Controlled Substance-Class B	21	3	14%	2	10%	2	10%	7	33%
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Sub Act	23	5	22%	0	0%	2	9%	7	30%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 100-200 Grams	7	0	0%	1	14%	1	14%	2	29%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 14-28 Grams	63	5	8%	6	10%	6	10%	17	27%
Being Present where Heroin is Kept	4	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%
CL D-Distribution or Poss W/int Distribute	4	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%	1	25%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 28-100 Grams	39	2	5%	2	5%	2	5%	6	15%
Controlled Substance-Class D	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
CL C-Distribution or Poss w/Int to Distribute	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL C-Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Sub	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Marijuana-Trafficking 100-2,000 LBS	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 200+ Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A-Trafficking 28-100 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A-Trafficking 200+ Grams	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Theft of Drugs/Larceny of Drugs	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Counterfeit Drugs, Distribution or Poss W/Int	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
to Distribute									
Subtotal	692	125	18%	74	11%	68	10%	267	39%
Not a Drug Offense	2269	468	21%	328	14%	163	7%	959	42%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231		1226	

^{*}Denotes drug offenses carrying a mandatory sentence

Table 17: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by 'Other' Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	'ear	2nd	Year	3rd \	Year	То	tal
'Other' Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Obstruction of Justice	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Resisting Arrest	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Prostitution	70	23	33%	9	13%	5	7%	37	53%
Escapes	6	1	17%	2	33%	0	0%	3	50%
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	42	17	40%	3	7%	1	2%	21	50%
Trespassing	4	1	25%	1	25%	0	0%	2	50%
Violation of Court Order	9	2	22%	2	22%	0	0%	4	44%
Other Weapons Offenses	19	3	16%	4	21%	1	5%	8	42%
Weapons Violation Bartley Fox	25	6	24%	3	12%	0	0%	9	36%
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	56	6	11%	4	7%	1	2%	11	20%
Operating Under the Influence	212	12	6%	12	6%	12	6%	36	17%
Attempt to Commit Crime	14	1	7%	0	0%	1	7%	2	14%
Defacing Firearm	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Domestic Abuse Prevention	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Leaving the Scene	7	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Delivering/Receiving Articles to Inmates	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Miscellaneous Other Offense	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	472	73	15%	41	9%	21	4%	135	29%
Not an 'Other' Offense	2,489	520	21%	361	15%	210	8%	1091	44%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Personal Background Characteristics

Table 18: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Age at Incarceration, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd `	Year	To	tal
Age at	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Incarceration									
15 to 19	203	38	19%	29	14%	19	9%	86	42%
20 to 24	524	116	22%	93	18%	39	7%	248	47%
25 to 29	699	163	23%	106	15%	55	8%	324	46%
30 to 34	626	124	20%	90	14%	47	8%	261	42%
35 to 39	467	95	20%	48	10%	50	11%	193	41%
40 to 44	236	32	14%	25	11%	12	5%	69	29%
45 to 49	123	19	15%	7	6%	3	2%	29	24%
50 to 54	54	4	7%	1	2%	6	11%	11	20%
55 to 59	21	2	10%	2	10%	0	0%	4	19%
60 to 64	7	0	0%	1	14%	0	0%	1	14%
65 to 69	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

<u>Table 19: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Race/Ethnicity, Three Years Post-Release</u> The information in this table is self reported.

		1st \	1st Year		Year	3rd Year		Total	
Race/Ethnicity	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Asian	11	0	0%	2	18%	0	0%	2	18%
*Caucasian	1617	298	18%	188	12%	110	7%	596	37%
Hispanic	563	115	20%	72	13%	55	10%	242	43%
African American	763	178	23%	138	18%	65	9%	381	50%
American Indian	7	2	29%	2	29%	1	14%	5	71%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

^{*} Caucasian non hispanic

Table 20: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		Total	
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Male	2215	440	20%	328	15%	182	8%	950	43%
Female	746	153	21%	74	10%	49	7%	276	37%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Table 21: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-Incarceration) by Marital Status, Three-Years PosRelease The Information in this table is self reported.

		1st Y	ear	ar 2nd Year		3rd Year		Total	
Marital Status	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Single	2022	445	22%	313	15%	168	8%	926	46%
Separated	124	28	23%	10	8%	10	8%	48	39%
Widow/Widower	24	2	8%	5	21%	1	4%	8	33%
Divorce	254	35	14%	27	11%	19	7%	81	32%
Married	392	67	17%	37	9%	21	5%	125	32%
Unknown	138	15	11%	10	7%	12	9%	37	27%
Partner	7	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

<u>Table 22: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Last Known Address, Three Years Post-Relea</u>se The information in this table isself reported.

		1st`	Year	2nd	Year	3rd \	ear/	Total	
Last Known Address	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Brockton	123	36	29%	16	13%	15	12%	67	54%
Cambridge	34	10	29%	3	9%	5	15%	18	53%
Fall River	39	12	31%	6	15%	2	5%	20	51%
Boston	554	139	25%	88	16%	50	9%	277	50%
Lawrence	104	25	24%	15	14%	12	12%	52	50%
Springfield	171	35	20%	32	19%	18	11%	85	50%
Worcester	243	58	24%	39	16%	22	9%	119	49%
Holyoke	53	9	17%	12	23%	3	6%	24	45%
Fitchburg	36	7	19%	4	11%	5	14%	16	44%
New Bedford	55	12	22%	6	11%	4	7%	22	40%
Lynn	88	19	22%	10	11%	5	6%	34	39%
Somerville	42	9	21%	4	10%	2	5%	15	36%
Other Mass Cities	1050	173	16%	135	13%	64	6%	372	35%
Lowell	113	17	15%	14	12%	7	6%	38	34%
Unknown	108	14	13%	10	9%	10	9%	34	31%
Framingham	39	8	21%	0	0%	1	3%	9	23%
Out of State	109	10	9%	8	7%	6	6%	24	22%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

<u>Table 23: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-incarceration) by Military Discharge, Three Years Post-Relea</u>se The information in this table is self reported.

		1st Year		2nd Y	ear	3rd Year		Total	
Military Discharge	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
No Service	1917	420	22%	290	15%	170	9%	880	46%
Dishonorable	8	1	13%	2	25%	0	0%	3	38%
Discharge Unknown	906	161	18%	97	11%	57	6%	315	35%
Medical	3	0	0%	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%
Honorable	107	9	8%	11	10%	3	3%	23	21%
Bad Conduct	20	2	10%	1	5%	1	5%	4	20%
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%

Release follow-up Outcomes

<u>Table 24: Arrest Disposition by New Offense, for Recidivists</u> who returned within the three year follow-up period

Arrest Disposition	New Offense							
	Person	Sex	Property	Drug	Other	No Offense	Total	
Continued	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	
County Commitment	25	1	29	20	32	0	107	
State Sentence	8	0	3	7	2	0	20	
Dismissed	21	0	6	6	11	0	44	
Filed	3	0	6	8	13	0	30	
Fine, SS, Probation	9	0	7	1	7	0	24	
Not Guilty	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	
Subtotal	68	2	52	43	65	0	230	
*Not Applicable	240	9	166	156	186	239	996	
Total	308	11	218	199	251	239	1226	

Of the 1,226 inmates that recidivated within the three year follow-up period, 230 returned as a parole or a probation violator with a new arrest. The outcome of the arrests is presented in the table above.

<u>Table 25: New offense for recidivists who returned within the three year follow-up period, By present offense.</u>

Present Offense	New Offense										
	Person	Sex	Property	Drug	Other	Total					
Person Offense	166	5	78	70	74	393					
Sex Offense	16	3	7	2	11	39					
Property Offense	54	1	90	27	44	216					
Drug Offense	48	1	29	83	52	213					
Other Offense	24	1	14	17	70	126					
Total	308	11	218	199	251	987					

The above table shows present offense (governing offense an inmate was incarcerated for at time of release), by new offense (offense an inmate was re-incarcerated for if their return type was not a technical violation of parole or probation.) 987 inmates returned within the three-year follow-up period with a new offense.

One hundred-sixty six (42%) of the person offenders who returned with a new offense were returned for a person offense. A total of 49% of the sex offenders were re-incarcerated for a violent offense (sex offense and person offense.) Three offenders (8%) were recommitted for a sex offense. Another 16 sex offenders (41%) were re-incarcerated for a person offense. In the property offense category, 90 (42%) of the 216 inmates who were returned with a new offense were for a property offense. Thirty-nine percent of the inmates that had a governing drug offense were re-incarcerated for a drug offense.

^{*}This number includes inmates who were re-incarcerated as a result of a technical violation of parole or probation. These recidivists do not have a new offense.

Section Two:
Recidivism Rates of
Re-convicted Inmates,
Three Years Post-Release

Type Of Re-conviction

Of the 2,961 inmates tracked for the three-year follow-up period, 1,419 received a new conviction. Of the 1,419 inmates, a total of 613 inmates (43%)were reincarcerated within the three-year period following their release to the street.

Figure 7: Type of Re-conviction

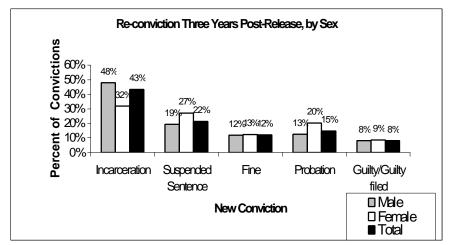


Table 26: Type of Re-conviction, Male Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release

Table 26 presents
 the distribution of
 types of reconviction for male
 recidivists who
 received a new
 conviction within
 three years of their
 release to the street.

	<u>1st</u>	1st Year		<u>Year</u>	3rd Year		<u>Total</u>	
Re-conviction	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
Incarceration	174	47%	200	49%	110	46%	484	48%
Suspended Sentence	72	20%	80	20%	44	19%	196	19%
Fine	50	14%	48	12%	22	9%	120	12%
Probation	43	12%	45	11%	41	17%	129	13%
Guilty/Guilty filed	28	8%	35	9%	20	8%	83	8%
Total	367	100%	408	100%	237	100%	1012	100%

• Of the 1,012 male inmates that had a new conviction in the three year period following their release to the street, forty-eight percent (n=484) were incarcerated. Nineteen percent received a suspended sentence, 12% received a fine, 13% received probation, and another 8% received a guilty or guilty filed.

Table 27: Type of Re-conviction, Female Recidivist, Three Years Post-Release

• During the threeyear follow-up period, 407 females received a new conviction. Of those females, 129 inmates (32%) were incarcerated. Twentyseven percent of the females with a new conviction received a

	1st Year		2nd	2nd Year		3rd Year		<u>tal</u>
Re-conviction	N	Rate	N	Rate	Ν	Rate	N	Rate
Incarceration	70	35%	42	29%	17	27%	129	32%
Suspended Sentence	52	26%	41	28%	17	27%	110	27%
Fine	24	12%	18	13%	9	14%	51	13%
Probation	37	19%	29	20%	16	25%	82	20%
Guilty/Guilty filed	16	8%	14	10%	5	8%	35	9%
Total	199	100%	144	100%	64	100%	407	100%

suspended sentence, 20% received probation, 13% received a fine, and 9% received a guilty or guilty filed.

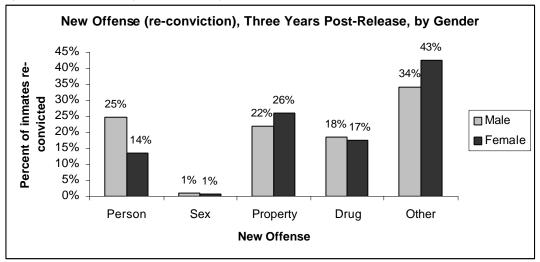
New Offense

Table 28: New Offense for re-conviction, Three Years Post-Release

	Ma	ıle	Fema	ıle	To	tal
	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Person	250	25%	55	14%	305	21%
Sex	10	1%	3	1%	13	1%
Property	220	22%	105	26%	325	23%
Drug	187	18%	71	17%	258	18%
Other	345	34%	173	43%	518	37%
Total	1012	100%	407	100%	1419	100%

• At the end of the three-year follow-up period, 1,419 inmates were re-convicted of a new offense. Of those, 518 of the inmates re-convicted were for of an 'Other' offense (37%). Three hundred and twenty-five inmates (23%) were re-convicted of a property offense, followed by person offense (21%), drug offense (18%), and sex offense (1%).

Figure 8: Re-conviction by New Offense Type



• Of the 1,419 inmates that were re-convicted, 1,012 were male and 407 were female. Of the 1,012 males that were re-convicted, 34% were for an 'other' offense (n=345), 25% were for a person offense, 22% were for a person offense, 18% for a drug offense, and 1% for a sex offense. Of the 407 females, 43% (n=173) were re-convicted for an 'other' offense, 26% for a property offense, 17% for a drug offense, 14% for a person offense, and 1% for a sex offense.

Time Until Re-conviction

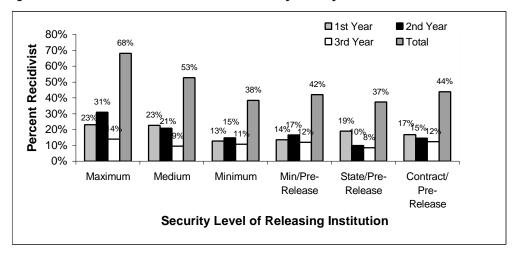
• Time until re-conviction is the amount of time between the offender's release to the street and when the offender received a new conviction. Of the 1,419 inmates that had a new conviction, 40% (n=564) occurred within the first year.

Table 29: Time Until Re-conviction, by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

	Male		Female		Total	
Time Until Reconviction	N	%	N	%	N	%
Within 1 Month	2	0%	10	2%	12	1%
1 to 6 Months	138	14%	89	22%	227	16%
6 to 12 Months	225	22%	100	25%	325	23%
12 to 18 Months	243	24%	80	20%	323	23%
18 to 24 Months	166	16%	64	16%	230	16%
24 to 30 Months	140	14%	34	8%	174	12%
30 to 36 Months	98	10%	30	7%	128	9%
Total	1012	100%	407	100%	1419	100%

Security Level

Figure 9: Recidivism Rate for Re-convicted inmates by Security Level, Three Years Post Release



- Of the 2,961 inmates released, 100 were released from maximum security, 1,669 from medium security, 663 from minimum security, 309 from minimum/pre-release, 131 from state pre-release, and 89 from contract pre-release.
- During the **first year** post-release, releases from maximum and medium security facilities both had a recidivism rate of 23%, followed by state pre-release (19%), contract pre-release (17%), minimum pre-release (14%), and minimum security (13%).
- During the **second year** post-release, 31% of the inmates released from a maximum security facility recidivated.
- Inmates that were released from a maximum security facility had the lowest recidivism rate (4%) during the **third year** post-release. Where as, the highest recidivism rates were found in releases from minimum and contract pre-release (12%).
- By the end of the three-year follow-up period, 68% of the releases from a maximum security facility had recidivated, 53% of releases from medium security, 44% of releases from contract pre-release, 42% of minimum pre-release, 38% of minimum security, and 37% of state pre-release.

Table 30: Recidivism Rates for Re-convicted inmates by Security Level of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post-Release

of Releasing Institution, Three Years Post-Release										
Security Level*	Non-Recidivists	Recidivists	Total	Rec Rate						
Maximum**										
Cedar Junction	32	68	100	68%						
sub-total	32	68	100	68%						
Medium										
Bay State	2	1	3	33%						
Bridgewater S.H.	2	2	4	50%						
Concord	106	74	180	41%						
Framingham***	262	352	614	57%						
Mass Boot Camp	40	35	75	47%						
Mass Treatment Center	11	1	12	8%						
NCCI-Gardner	66	64	130	49%						
Norfolk	61	87	148	59%						
Old Colony	36	53	89	60%						
Shirley Med	89	108	197	55%						
Southeastern	115	102	217	47%						
Sub-total	790	879	1669	53%						
Minimum										
MA Boot Camp****	24	24	48	50%						
Plymouth	47	33	80	41%						
Northeastern C.C.	76	61	137	45%						
Longwood	133	56	189	30%						
Pondville	42	20	62	32%						
Shirley Minimum	87	60	147	41%						
Sub-Total	409	254	663	38%						
Minimum Pre-Release										
Lancaster	94	62	156	40%						
South Middlesex	85	68	153	44%						
Sub-total	179	130	309	42%						
State Pre-Release										
Boston State	51	33	84	39%						
Park Drive	31	16	47	34%						
Subtotal	82	49	131	37%						
Contract Pre-Release										
Charlotte House	6	13	19	68%						
Houston House	7	5	12	42%						
PPREP	37	21	58	36%						
Subtotal	50	39	89	44%						
Grand total	1542	1419	2961	48%						

^{*} Security level designations represent security levels from the DOC count sheet of 12/31/97.

^{**} Souza Baranowski C.C. is not included, as it did not exist in 1995.

^{***} Releases from Hodder House are included in Framingham count.

^{*****}In October of 1995, MA Bootcamp added 128 beds to security level 4 design capacity.

Table 31: Recidivism Rates of Re-convicted inmates, by Type of Release and Security Level, **Three Years Post-Release**

First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES ^{‡‡‡} LOWER SECU			SECUR	ITY ^{§§§}	Т	OTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	45	14%	456	40	9%	776	85	11%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	28	15%	68	5	7%	257	33	13%
SUBTOTAL	509	73	14%	524	45	9%	1033	118	11%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	242	25%	500	66	13%	1453	308	21%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	84	27%	168	56	33%	475	140	29%
SUBTOTAL	1260	326	26%	668	122	18%	1928	448	23%
TOTAL	1769	399	23%	1192	167	14%	2961	566	19%

Second Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES LOWER SECURITY			TOTAL					
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	65	20%	456	55	12%	776	120	15%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	33	17%	68	16	24%	257	49	19%
SUBTOTAL	509	98	19%	524	71	14%	1033	169	16%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	196	21%	500	73	15%	1453	269	19%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	83	27%	168	31	18%	475	114	24%
SUBTOTAL	1260	279	22%	668	104	16%	1928	383	20%
TOTAL	1769	377	21%	1192	175	15%	2961	552	19%

Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECURE FACILITIES LOWER SECURITY			RITY	TOTAL				
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	35	11%	456	51	11%	776	86	11%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	19	10%	68	8	12%	257	27	11%
SUBTOTAL	509	54	11%	524	59	11%	1033	113	11%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	95	10%	500	49	10%	1453	144	10%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	22	7%	168	22	13%	475	44	9%
SUBTOTAL	1260	117	9%	668	71	11%	1928	188	10%
TOTAL	1769	171	10%	1192	130	11%	2961	301	10%

Total-Three Years Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	SECUR	SECURE FACILITIES LOWER SECURITY			TOTAL				
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	320	145	45%	456	146	32%	776	291	38%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	189	80	42%	68	29	43%	257	109	42%
SUBTOTAL	509	225	44%	524	175	33%	1033	400	39%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	953	533	56%	500	188	38%	1453	721	50%
PAR/PROB VIOLATOR	307	189	62%	168	109	65%	475	298	63%
SUBTOTAL	1260	722	57%	668	297	44%	1928	1019	53%
TOTAL	1769	947	54%	1192	472	40%	2961	1419	48%

Secure Facility refers to releases from a Maximum or a Medium Security Facility.

Minimum security, minimum pre-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release are lower

security facilities.

<u>Table 32: Recidivism Rates of Re-convicted Inmates by Type of Release and Sex of Offender, Three Years Post-Release</u>

First Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	.E	FEMALE TO				TOTA	ΓAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	
FIRST RELEASE	550	49	9%	226	36	16%	776	85	11%	
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	32	14%	22	1	5%	257	33	13%	
SUB-TOTAL	785	81	10%	248	37	15%	1033	118	11%	
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE										
FIRST RELEASE	1010	173	17%	443	135	30%	1453	308	21%	
PAR/PROB VIOL	420	113	27%	55	27	49%	475	140	29%	
SUBTOTAL	1430	286	20%	498	162	33%	1928	448	23%	
TOTAL	2215	367	17%	746	199	27%	2961	566	19%	

Second Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAL	E		FEMALE			TOTAL		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	78	14%	226	42	19%	776	120	15%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	44	19%	22	5	23%	257	49	19%
SUB-TOTAL	785	122	16%	248	47	19%	1033	169	16%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE									
FIRST RELEASE	1010	182	18%	443	87	20%	1453	269	19%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	104	25%	55	10	18%	475	114	24%
SUBTOTAL	1430	286	20%	498	97	19%	1928	383	20%
TOTAL	2215	408	18%	746	144	19%	2961	552	19%

Third Year Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAL	-E	FEMALE TOTAL								
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate		
FIRST RELEASE	550	65	12%	226	21	9%	776	86	11%		
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	25	11%	22	2	9%	257	27	11%		
SUB-TOTAL	785	90	11%	248	23	9%	1033	113	11%		
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE											
FIRST RELEASE	1010	107	11%	443	37	8%	1453	144	10%		
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	40	10%	55	4	7%	475	44	9%		
SUBTOTAL	1430	147	10%	498	41	8%	1928	188	10%		
TOTAL	2215	237	11%	746	64	9%	2961	301	10%		

Total-Three Years Post-Release

TYPE OF RELEASE	MAI	LE		FEM/	ALE		TOTA		
PAROLE	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate	N	Rec	Rate
FIRST RELEASE	550	192	35%	226	99	44%	776	291	38%
PAR/PROB VIOL	235	101	43%	22	8	36%	257	109	42%
SUB-TOTAL	785	293	37%	248	107	43%	1033	400	39%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE	1010	400	400/	4.40	050	500/	4.450	704	500/
FIRST RELEASE	1010	462	46%	443	259	58%	1453	721	50%
PAR/PROB VIOLATION	420	257	61%	55	41	75%	475	298	63%
SUBTOTAL	1430	719	50%	498	300	60%	1928	1019	53%
TOTAL	2215	1012	46%	746	407	55%	2961	1419	48%

Type of Release for Re-convicted inmates

Table 31 shows the recidivism rate of re-convicted inmates broken down by secure versus lower security facilities. Secure facilities include maximum and medium security facilities, while lower security includes minimum, minimum per-release, state pre-release, and contract pre-release. Also included in this table is whether the inmate was released on parole or via expiration of sentence/discharge. Inmates being released via parole are released into the community under the supervision of a parole officer. Inmates being release via expiration of sentence/certificate of discharge are not under supervision unless they are required to serve a term of probation. Comparisons are also made between inmates whose release off of this sentence is their first release and inmates that have had a prior parole/probation violation on this sentence.

- During the **first year** post-release, inmates released under parole supervision had a much lower recidivism rate (11%) than did those inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (23%).
- Of the inmates released via parole that recidivated during the **first year** post-release, those that had a prior parole or probation violation had a recidivism rate of 13%, compared to a rate of 11% for those inmates whose release was their first off of t his sentence.
- The recidivism rate for inmates released by parole was lower during the **second year** post-release than those released by expiration of sentence/discharge, 16% and 20% respectively.
- During the **third year** post release the rate for inmates released via parole was slightly higher (11%) than those released expiration of sentence/discharge (10%).
- By the end of the three-year post-release period, the recidivism rate was lower for paroled inmates (39%) than the rate for inmates released by expiration of sentence/discharge (53%).
- Fifty-four percent of the inmates released from a secure facility recidivated within three years of their release to the street, compared to 40% of the inmates released from a lower security.

Table 32 presents information on the recidivism rates by type of release and gender of the offender. Again whether or not it is the inmate's first release off of this sentence, or if the inmate had a prior parole or probation violation is also compared.

- Of the 746 female inmates released 199 (27%) recidivated during the **first year** following their release to the street. Seventeen percent of the 2,215 male inmates released (n=367) recidivated during the same time period.
- During the **second year** post-release female offenders recidivated at a rate only slightly higher than the males inmates, 19% and 18% respectively.
- Male inmates had recidivism rate of 11% during the **third year** post release compared to a rate of 9% for female inmates.
- Overall, female inmates recidivated at a rate higher than male inmates by the end of the three-year period. Female inmates had a recidivism rate of 55%, compared to a rate of 46% for the males.

Table 33: Recidivism Rates (re-conviction) by Selected Characteristics and Gender,
Total-Three Years Post-Release

Selected Characteristics		Males		F	emales			Total	
	N	rec	rate	N	Rec	rate	N	rec	rate
*RACE									
Caucasian	1101	445	40%	516	295	57%	1617	740	46%
African American	670	345	51%	93	50	54%	763	395	52%
Hispanic	432	217	50%	131	57	44%	563	274	49%
**Other	12	5	42%	6	5	83%	18	10	56%
AGE AT RELEASE									
17 years	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	2	2	100%
18 years	8	3	38%	7	3	43%	15	6	40%
19 years	22	15	68%	6	1	17%	28	16	57%
20 years	32	16	50%	14	6	43%	46	22	48%
21 years	60	33	55%	17	11	65%	77	44	57%
22 years	59	41	69%	12	6	50%	71	47	66%
23 years	78	42	54%	14	6	43%	92	48	52%
24 years	90	42	47%	18	13	72%	108	55	51%
25 to 29 years	511	249	49%	162	108	67%	673	357	53%
30 to 34 years	500	247	49%	178	98	55%	678	345	51%
35 to 39 years	412	178	43%	165	93	56%	577	271	47%
40 to 44 years	211	90	43%	90	45	50%	301	135	45%
45 to 49 years	115	31	27%	38	11	29%	153	42	27%
50 to 54 years	71	18	25%	17	3	18%	88	21	24%
55 to 59 years	25	3	12%	7	2	29%	32	5	16%
60 to 64 years	15	3	20%	0	0	n.a.	15	3	20%
65 to 69 years	2	0	0%	0	0	n.a.	2	0	0%
70 years or older	3	0	0%	0	0	n.a.	3	0	0%
PRESENT OFFENSE									
Person	933	460	49%	111	61	55%	1044	521	50%
Sex	206	57	28%	7	2	29%	213	59	28%
Property	374	217	58%	166	98	59%	540	315	58%
Drug	489	212	43%	203	104	51%	692	316	46%
Other	213	66	31%	259	142	55%	472	208	44%
TOTAL	2215	1012	46%	746	407	55%	2961	1419	48%

The above table displays the recidivism rate for re-convicted males and females by race/gender, age at release, and present offense, three years post-release. At the end of the three-year period female inmates had a recidivism rate of 55%, compared to a rate of 46% for the males.

In the category of race/gender, African American inmates had a recidivism rate of 52%, followed by Hispanic inmates (49%), and Caucasian inmates with a recidivism rate of 46%. For male inmates, African American inmates had the highest recidivism rate (51%). For the female inmates, Caucasians had the highest recidivism rate (57%).

As presented in the table on age at release, the inmates that were age 30 or older at their time of release had a lower recidivism rate than did inmates less than 30 years old at time of release. The inmates less than 30 years of age had a recidivism rate of 54%, while those inmates 30 or older had a rate of 44%. This was true for both male and female inmates. Male inmates less than 30 years of age had a recidivism rate of 51%, compared to a rate of 42% for male inmates 30 years old or older. Female inmates less than 30 years of age had a higher rate of recidivating than females age 30 or older, 62% and 51% respectively.

The section on present offense (an inmates governing offense at time of release) shows that property offenders had the highest rate of recidivating (58%), followed by person offense category (50%), drug offense (46%), 'other' offense (44%), and sex offense (28%). For both males and females the property offense category had the highest rate of recidivism, with 58% of the males and 59% of the females in this category recidivating.

^{*}In 2000, the Department of Correction implemented expanded race/ethnic definitions which are now currently in use. However, since this report examines the recidivism trends of inmates released during 1997, the expanded definitions are not used in this report.

^{**}Due to the minimal number of inmates in the 'Other' race category, the recidivism rate for this category is not discussed in the text. The 'Other' race category includes Asian and Native American/Alaskan inmates.

Statistical Tables for Re-convicted Inmates, 1997 Recidivism Release Characteristics, **Three Years** Post-Release,

Table 34: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction) by Type of Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		Total	
Type of Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Parole	1033	118	11%	169	16%	113	11%	400	39%
Discharge/Expiration	1928	448	23%	383	20%	188	10%	1019	53%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 35: 1997 Recidivism Rate (Re-conviction) by Length of Incarceration, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		To	tal
Length of Incarceration	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Less Than 6 Months	871	214	25%	146	17%	71	8%	431	49%
6 To12 Months	373	65	17%	84	23%	53	14%	202	54%
1 To 2 Years	468	103	22%	83	18%	58	12%	244	52%
2 To 3 Years	457	75	16%	113	25%	46	10%	234	51%
3 To 5 Years	411	58	14%	75	18%	35	9%	168	41%
5 To 10 Years	321	44	14%	46	14%	34	11%	124	39%
10 To 15 Years	47	5	11%	5	11%	4	9%	14	30%
15 or More Years	13	2	15%	0	0%	0	0%	2	15%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 36: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Age at Release, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	'ear	2nd \	Year	3rd \	ear	Tota	ıl
Age at Release	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
17 Years	2	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	2	100%
18 Years	15	2	13%	2	13%	2	13%	6	40%
19 Years	28	5	18%	3	11%	8	29%	16	57%
20 Years	46	11	24%	8	17%	3	7%	22	48%
21 Years	77	12	16%	22	29%	10	13%	44	57%
22 Years	71	17	24%	18	25%	12	17%	47	66%
23 Years	92	12	13%	21	23%	15	16%	48	52%
24 Years	108	26	24%	22	20%	7	6%	55	51%
25 To 29 Years	673	140	21%	148	22%	69	10%	357	53%
30 To 34 Years	678	127	19%	138	20%	80	12%	345	51%
35 To 39 Years	577	124	21%	90	16%	57	10%	271	47%
40 To 44 Years	301	55	18%	55	18%	25	8%	135	45%
45 To 49 Years	153	20	13%	13	8%	9	6%	42	27%
50 To 54 Years	88	10	11%	8	9%	3	3%	21	24%
55 To 59 Years	32	3	9%	1	3%	1	3%	5	16%
60 To 64 Years	15	1	7%	2	13%	0	0%	3	20%
65 To 69 Years	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
70 Years or older	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Nature of Present Offense, Re-convicted Inmates, **Three-Years** Post Release

Table 37: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Present Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Ye	ear	2nd Y	'ear	3rd	Year	To	tal
*Present Offense	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Person	1044	200	19%	216	21%	105	10%	521	50%
Sex	213	15	7%	28	13%	16	8%	59	28%
Property	540	123	23%	129	24%	63	12%	315	58%
Drug	692	120	17%	108	16%	88	13%	316	46%
Other	472	108	23%	71	15%	29	6%	208	44%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 38: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Person Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st `	Year	2nd Y	ear	3rd	Year	Tot	al
PERSON OFFENSES	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon -	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Victim 60+									
Violation of Civil Rights	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Carjacking	5	3	60%	0	0%	1	20%	4	80%
Assault/Assault & Battery	67	20	30%	16	24%	6	9%	42	63%
Assault w/intent to Commit Felony	8	1	13%	1	13%	3	38%	5	63%
Unarmed Robbery	134	37	28%	35	26%	11	8%	83	62%
Assault/Assault & Battery w/DW	176	34	19%	52	30%	19	11%	105	60%
Accessory After the Fact	10	2	20%	1	10%	2	20%	5	50%
Assault w/intent to Rob/Murder	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
Victim - 60+									
Stalking	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
Assault to Rob not Being Armed	6	1	17%	1	17%	1	17%	3	50%
Extortion	2	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%
Assault w/intent to Rob/Murder Armed	87	17	20%	17	20%	9	10%	43	49%
Armed Robbery	368	65	18%	73	20%	41	11%	179	49%
Unarmed Robbery - Victim 60+	27	5	19%	6	22%	1	4%	12	44%
Mayhem	10	0	0%	3	30%	1	10%	4	40%
Armed Assault in a Dwelling	17	3	18%	1	6%	2	12%	6	35%
Manslaughter	59	6	10%	7	12%	6	10%	19	32%
Conspiracy	7	1	14%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%
Kidnapping	14	0	0%	2	14%	0	0%	2	14%
Assault w/intent to murder	16	2	13%	0	0%	0	0%	2	13%
Vehicular Homicide	9	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	1	11%
Confine/Put in Fear	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Murder-2	10	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Murder-1	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Attempted Murder	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	1044	200	19%	216	21%	105	10%	521	50%
Not a Person Offense	1917	366	19%	336	18%	196	10%	898	47%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 39: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Sex Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st yea	ar	2nd Ye	ear	3rd Ye	ar	Tota	al
Sex Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Sex Offenses Involving a minor	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Unnatural Acts	2	1	50%	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%
Indecent A&B on Victim 14+	6	0	0%	3	50%	0	0%	3	50%
Rape	37	6	16%	5	14%	4	11%	15	41%
Assault w/Intent to Rape	15	0	0%	2	13%	3	20%	5	33%
Rape of a Child w/Force	40	2	5%	9	23%	1	3%	12	30%
Aggravated Rape	29	1	3%	3	10%	4	14%	8	28%
Indecent A&B on Child < 14	24	1	4%	3	13%	2	8%	6	25%
Assault w/Intent to Rape, Child < 16	4	0	0%	0	0%	1	25%	1	25%
Rape and Abuse of a Child	55	3	5%	3	5%	1	2%	7	13%
Subtotal	213	15	7%	28	13%	16	8%	59	28%
NOT A SEX OFFENSE	2748	551	20%	524	19%	285	10%	1360	49%
TOTAL	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 40: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Property Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st	Year	2nd	Year	3rd `	Year	Tot	al
Property Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Illegal Duplication of Recordings	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Theft of Motor Vehicle/Non Motor Vehicle	44	16	36%	12	27%	6	14%	34	77%
Possession of Burglar Tools	4	1	25%	0	0%	2	50%	3	75%
Shoplifting	32	12	38%	4	13%	6	19%	22	69%
Receiving Stolen Goods	16	4	25%	7	44%	0	0%	11	69%
Larceny from the Person	22	6	27%	4	18%	5	23%	15	68%
Destruction of Property	12	3	25%	5	42%	0	0%	8	67%
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking & Entering	229	50	22%	67	29%	23	10%	140	61%
Larceny/Stealing	87	20	23%	15	17%	12	14%	47	54%
Forgery & Uttering	25	4	16%	3	12%	4	16%	11	44%
Arson and Attempted Arson	40	6	15%	7	18%	3	8%	16	40%
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	15	1	7%	3	20%	1	7%	5	33%
Larceny from Elderly/Disabled Person	4	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%	1	25%
Fraud	5	0	0%	1	20%	0	0%	1	20%
Common and Notorious Thief	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	540	123	23%	129	24%	63	12%	315	58%
Not a Property Offense	2421	443	18%	423	17%	238	10%	1104	46%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 41: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Drug Offense, Three Years Post-Release

		1st \	′ear	2nd `	Year	3rd y	year	То	tal
Drug Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	_	Rate	Rec	Rate
Unlawful Poss of Particular Cont.	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Substance-CL A									
Theft of Drugs/Larceny of Drugs	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Controlled Substance-Class A	13	3	23%	3	23%	4	31%	10	77%
Poss of Hypodermic Syringe/Instrument	13	4	31%	5	38%	1	8%	10	77%
*Specific CL B-Distribution or Poss w/	4	2	50%	1	25%	0	0%	3	75%
Int to Distribute, Subsequent									
Unlawful Poss of Particular Cont. Substance	4	1	25%	1	25%	1	25%	3	75%
Being Present where Heroin is Kept	4	1	25%	1	25%	1	25%	3	75%
Controlled Substance-No Class Specified	74	27	36%	16	22%	11	15%	54	73%
*CL B-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Dist,Sub	14	4	29%	2	14%	4	29%	10	71%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 100-200 Grams	7	0	0%	2	29%	2	29%	4	57%
Fraudulent Prescriptions	2	0	0%	1	50%	0	0%	1	50%
*Marijuana-Trafficking 50-100 LBS	2	0	0%	0	0%	1	50%	1	50%
*CL A-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Dist, Sub	16	3	19%	3	19%	2	13%	8	50%
CL B-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Distribute	148	28	19%	22	15%	16	11%	66	45%
CL A-Distribution or Poss W/Int to Distribute	106	20	19%	16	15%	11	10%	47	44%
*Specific CL B-Distribution or Poss	75	9	12%	9	12%	14	19%	32	43%
W/Int to Distribute									
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 14-28 Grams	63	4	6%	11	17%	8	13%	23	37%
*Drug Violation,School/Park	45	6	13%	7	16%	3	7%	16	36%
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Sub Act	23	3	13%	2	9%	3	13%	8	35%
Controlled Substance-Class B	21	1	5%	2	10%	4	19%	7	33%
Controlled Substance-Class D	4	0	0%	1	25%	0	0%	1	25%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 28-100 Grams	39	2	5%	3	8%	2	5%	7	18%
CL D-Distribution or Poss W/int Distribute	4	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
CL C-Distribution or Poss w/Int to Distribute	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL C-Distribution or Poss w/Int to Dist, Sub	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Marijuana-Trafficking 100-2,000 LBS	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*Specific CL B-Trafficking 200+ Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A-Trafficking 28-100 Grams	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
*CL A-Trafficking 200+ Grams	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Counterfeit Drugs,Distribution or Poss	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
W/ Int to Distribute									
Subtotal	692	120	17%	108	16%	88	13%	316	46%
Not a Drug Offense 22	269	446	20%	444	20%	213	9%	1103	49%
	961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

<u>Table 42: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by 'Other' Offense, Three Years Post-Release</u>

		1st Y	'ear	2nd `	Year	3rd `	Year	To	tal
'Other' Offenses	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Defacing Firearm	1	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Obstruction of Justice	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%
Trespassing	4	2	50%	2	50%	0	0%	4	100%
Violation of Court Order	9	2	22%	5	56%	0	0%	7	78%
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	42	27	64%	4	10%	0	0%	31	74%
Prostitution	70	33	47%	14	20%	2	3%	49	70%
Weapons Violation Bartley Fox	25	5	20%	3	12%	4	16%	12	48%
Other Weapons Offenses	19	3	16%	4	21%	2	11%	9	47%
Attempt to Commit Crime	14	3	21%	3	21%	0	0%	6	43%
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	56	10	18%	12	21%	1	2%	23	41%
Delivering/Receiving Articles to Inmates	3	0	0%	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%
Operating Under the Influence	212	21	10%	22	10%	18	8%	61	29%
Leaving the Scene	7	1	14%	1	14%	0	0%	2	29%
Escapes	6	0	0%	1	17%	0	0%	1	17%
Domestic Abuse Prevention	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Miscellaneous Other Offense	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Resisting Arrest	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Subtotal	472	108	23%	71	15%	29	6%	208	44%
Not an 'Other' Offense	2,489	458	18%	481	19%	272	11%	1211	49%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Personal
Background
Characteristics,
Re-convicted Inmates

Table 43: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Age at Incarceration, Three Years Post-Release

		1st \	ear/	2nd `	Year	3rd \	/ear	Tot	al
Age at	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Incarceration									
15 to 19	203	36	18%	44	22%	29	14%	109	54%
25 to 29	699	143	20%	149	21%	75	11%	367	53%
20 to 24	524	93	18%	115	22%	58	11%	266	51%
35 to 39	467	107	23%	75	16%	49	10%	231	49%
30 to 34	626	122	19%	112	18%	68	11%	302	48%
40 to 44	236	40	17%	38	16%	15	6%	93	39%
45 to 49	123	17	14%	12	10%	4	3%	33	27%
50 to 54	54	6	11%	5	9%	3	6%	14	26%
55 to 59	21	2	10%	1	5%	0	0%	3	14%
60 to 64	7	0	0%	1	14%	0	0%	1	14%
65 to 69	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 44: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Race/Ethnicity, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd Y	'ear	Tot	al
Race/Ethnicity	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
American Indian	7	1	14%	3	43%	1	14%	5	71%
African American	763	142	19%	168	22%	85	11%	395	52%
Hispanic	563	117	21%	92	16%	65	12%	274	49%
*Caucasian	1617	304	19%	287	18%	149	9%	740	46%
Asian	11	2	18%	2	18%	1	9%	5	45%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 45: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Gender, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	1st Year		Year	3rd Y	'ear	Total	
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Female	746	199	27%	144	19%	64	9%	407	55%
Male	2215	367	17%	408	18%	237	11%	1012	46%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 46: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Marital Status, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Y	ear	2nd	Year	3rd \	ear	Tot	tal
Marital Status	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Single	2022	409	20%	408	20%	225	11%	1042	52%
Widow/Widower	24	5	21%	5	21%	2	8%	12	50%
Separated	124	28	23%	21	17%	9	7%	58	47%
Partner	7	1	14%	1	14%	1	14%	3	43%
Unknown	138	24	17%	20	14%	14	10%	58	42%
Divorce	254	36	14%	42	17%	25	10%	103	41%
Married	392	63	16%	55	14%	25	6%	143	36%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 47: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Last Known Address, Three Years Post-Release

		1st `	Year	2nd	Year	3rd Y	ear	Tota	al
Last Known Address	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Cambridge	34	9	26%	8	24%	3	9%	20	59%
Worcester	243	58	24%	54	22%	27	11%	139	57%
Holyoke	53	11	21%	11	21%	7	13%	29	55%
Lynn	88	26	30%	14	16%	8	9%	48	55%
Lawrence	104	23	22%	23	22%	10	10%	56	54%
Boston	554	107	19%	123	22%	68	12%	298	54%
Somerville	42	7	17%	10	24%	5	12%	22	52%
Brockton	123	37	30%	16	13%	11	9%	64	52%
Springfield	171	32	19%	34	20%	18	11%	84	49%
New Bedford	55	11	20%	11	20%	4	7%	26	47%
Fitchburg	36	9	25%	3	8%	5	14%	17	47%
Unknown	108	20	19%	16	15%	13	12%	49	45%
Other Mass Cities/Towns	1050	176	17%	195	19%	98	9%	469	45%
Fall River	39	7	18%	7	18%	3	8%	17	44%
Lowell	113	20	18%	13	12%	13	12%	46	41%
Framingham	39	7	18%	6	15%	2	5%	15	38%
Out of State	109	6	6%	8	7%	6	6%	20	18%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Table 48: 1997 Recidivism Rate(Re-conviction), by Military Discharge, Three Years Post-Release

		1st Year		2nd \	2nd Year		3rd Year		:al
Military Discharge	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Medical	3	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%
Dishonorable	8	1	13%	4	50%	0	0%	5	63%
No Service	1917	353	18%	376	20%	201	10%	930	49%
Discharge Unknown	906	199	22%	157	17%	91	10%	447	49%
Honorable	107	10	9%	14	13%	7	7%	31	29%
Bad Conduct	20	2	10%	1	5%	1	5%	4	20%
Total	2961	566	19%	552	19%	301	10%	1419	48%

Section Three: Recidivism Rates of Re-incarcerated and Re-convicted Inmates The following section presents the recidivism rate for inmates released during 1997 that either received a re-incarceration or a re-conviction within three years of release to the street from the Department of Correction. In this section the inmate's first instance of a re-incarceration or reconviction within the three-year time frame is used. Information contained in this section of the report is a combination of the previous two sections on re-incarceration and re-conviction. Because the first instance of either a re-incarceration or a re-conviction was used in this section, the totals do not add up to the combined totals in the previous two sections. Also note, recidivists in section one include inmates re-incarcerated by receiving a new sentence to a state, county or federal facility, while in section two a recidivist could receive a new conviction of incarceration. Those recidivists are combined in section three under Re-incarceration/New Commitment.

Of the 2,961 inmates released during 1997 who were included in this report, 1,639 of the inmates (55%) recidivated by either receiving a new conviction or being re-incarcerated to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility within three years of their release to the street.

Type of Recidivist

Table 49: Type of Recidivist, Re-incarceration and Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release

	1st \	ear/	2nd	Year	3rd	Year	Tot	tal
Type of Recidivist	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
*Re-incarceration-New Commitment	265	32%	173	32%	87	33%	525	32%
Parole Violator Technical	169	20%	40	7%	19	7%	228	14%
Parole Violator new offense	76	9%	49	9%	14	5%	139	8%
Probation Violator Technical	3	0%	4	1%	1	0%	8	0%
Probation Violator New Offense	29	4%	24	4%	10	4%	63	4%
Suspended Sentence	109	13%	104	19%	51	19%	264	16%
Fine	71	9%	62	11%	26	10%	159	10%
Probation	69	8%	59	11%	50	19%	178	11%
Guilty/Guilty Filed	36	4%	31	6%	8	3%	75	5%
Total	827	100%	546	100%	266	100%	1,639	100%

- During the first year post release 827 inmates recidivated. Of the 827 inmates, 285 inmates (34%) received a new conviction not resulting in an incarceration (suspended sentence, fine, probation, or guilty/guilty filed.) Thirty-two percent of the inmates (n=265) were re-incarcerated with a new commitment to a state, county or federal facility. One hundred seventy-two inmates were re-incarcerated for a technical violation of parole or probation, and 105 inmates were returned to a facility for a parole or probation violation with a new offense.
- By the end of the three-year period 676 inmates (41%) had recidivated due to re-conviction not resulting in a new commitment. Thirty-two percent of the inmates were re-incarcerated with a new commitment, 14% were re-incarcerated for a technical parole violation, and 202 inmates (12%) were returned to prison for parole or probation violation with a new offense.

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^{*} Re-incarceration-New Sentence includes State, County, and Federal custody, as well as those inmates that received a conviction of a new incarceration.

Table 50: Type of Recidivist, Re-incarceration and Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release, by Gender

	Fem	nale	Male		Т	otal
Type of Recidivist	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
*Re-incarceration-New Commitment	119	27%	406	34%	525	32%
Parole Violator Technical	33	8%	195	16%	228	14%
Parole Violator new offense	14	3%	125	10%	139	8%
Probation Violator Technical	5	1%	3	0%	8	0%
Probation Violator New Offense	20	5%	43	4%	63	4%
Suspended Sentence	99	23%	165	14%	264	16%
Fine	47	11%	112	9%	159	10%
Probation	72	17%	106	9%	178	11%
Guilty/Guilty Filed	24	6%	51	4%	75	5%
Total	433	100%	1206	100%	1639	100%

• Of the 1,206 male inmates that recidivated during the three-year period following their release to the street, 772 inmates (64%) were re-incarcerated for one of the following reasons; re-incarceration for a new commitment, a parole or probation violation with a new offense, or a technical violation of parole or probation. The remaining 434 male inmates (36%) recidivated due to a re-conviction that did not result in re-incarceration. Of the 433 female inmates that recidivated, the majority did not receive a new commitment to a facility. Two hundred and forty-two of the female inmates (56%) recidivated by receiving a new conviction that did not result in a re-incarceration. Forty-four percent of the female inmates (n=191) were re-incarcerated during the three-year follow-up period.

Disposition of New Arrest

For the inmates who returned due to a violation of parole or probation with a new arrest, the disposition of the arrest is provided to show the outcome of the case. The following table displays the outcome of the arrest dispositions.

Table 51: Disposition of New Offense, Three Years Post-Release, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction

Parole Violation w/NewOffense **Probation Violation w/New Offense Disposition** Ν Rate **Disposition** Ν Rate Not Guilty 3 2% County Sentence 39 62% County Sentence 55 State Sentence 10% 40% 6 Fine/Probation/SS 5% State Sentence 12 9% 3 Fine/Probation/SS 18 13% Filed/Guilty Filed 8 13% 7 Continued 2 1% Dismissed 11% Filed/Guilty Filed 18 13% Total 63 100% Dismissed 31 22% **Total** 139 100%

• One hundred and thirty-nine inmates recidivated by receiving a parole violation with a new arrest. Forty-eight percent of the inmates (n=67) received a new commitment to a Massachusetts state or county facility, or to a federal facility.

- Of the 63 inmates released during 1997 that recidivated for a probation violation with a new arrest, the majority of the inmates (71%), were re-committed to a facility (Massachusetts state or county custody, or federal facility). The remaining 18 inmates (29%) received convictions not resulting in re-incarceration.
- Of the 1,639 inmates that recidivated for either a re-incarceration or a re-conviction, 1,403 of them committed a new offense. The table below shows the type of new offense by type of recidivist. Recidivists that were returned for a technical parole or probation violation (n=236) do not have a new offense and are not included in the table below.

New Offense Type

Table 52: Type of Conviction by Type of New Offense, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction,
Three Years Post Release

Type of Recidivist	New Offense							
	Person	Sex	Property	Drug	Other	Total		
*Incarceration	184	5	112	109	115	525		
Suspended Sentence	50	3	58	41	112	264		
Probation	35	2	31	47	63	178		
Fine	3	3	34	11	108	159		
Parole Violator New Offense	42	2	36	24	35	139		
Guilty/Guilty Filed	4	0	18	7	46	75		
Probation Violation New Offense	17	0	12	16	18	63		
Total	335	15	301	255	497	1403		

• For inmates incarcerated for a new offense, the person offense category had the highest number of recidivists with 184 inmates (35%) having a new offense in this category. Of the inmates who received a new conviction of a suspended sentence, the majority (42%) were convicted of an offense in the 'Other" category. Inmates who were convicted and received a sentence of probation had the largest number of inmates committing a new offense in the 'Other' category. Sixty-eight percent of the inmates who received a fine had a new offense in the 'Other' category, while only 1% of the inmates had committed a person offense. Of the 139 inmates who were returned to prison for a parole violation with a new offense, 42 of the inmates (30%) were returned for a person offense. Sixty-one percent of the inmates who received a guilty/guilty filed finding were convicted of an 'Other' offense.

Type Of Release

Table 53: Type of Release, Re-incarceration/Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release

Type of Release	Recidivist by Re-incarceration or Re-conviction, Three Years Post Release								
		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	Total				
	N	Rec Rate	Rec Rate	Rec Rate	Rec Rate				
Parole to Street	1,033	320 31%	174 17%	91 9%	585 57%				
GCD/Expiration of Sentence	1,928	507 26%	372 19%	175 9%	1054 55%				
Total	2,961	827 28%	546 18%	266 9%	1,639 55%				

• By the end of the three-year follow-up period, inmates released via parole had a recidivism rate of 57%, compared to a rate of 55% for inmates released via GCD/ Expiration of Sentence to the street.

^{*} Incarceration includes those inmates re-incarcerated for a new offense and returned to state, federal, or county custody, as well as inmates that received a new conviction of incarceration.

During the first year post-release the recidivism rate was higher for inmates paroled to the street (31%) than it was for inmates GCD/Expiration of Sentence (26%). During the second year post-release there was only a slight difference in the rate for parolees versus inmates GCD/Expiration of Sentence to the street, 17% and 19% respectively. For the third-year post release the recidivism rate was the same for both groups (9%).

Appendix: Technical Notes

This study draws its cases from a cohort of offenders released to the community from the Department of Correction during 1997 by parole, good conduct discharge, or expiration of sentence. From the original

data file, 21 cases were excluded for purposes of the recidivism study. Sixteen inmates were excluded because they were released to the street from a parole detainer, 3 inmates were deceased before the end of the three-year follow-up period, and 2 inmates were not released to the street.

It should be noted that in calculating 'time served', the day the person started serving their sentence and the day of release were both credited toward 'time served'. 'Time served' is calculated using the offender's date of incarceration plus any jail credits applied to the sentence while awaiting trial. However, if the offender was received from a house of correction, another state's facility, or the Federal Bureau of Prison, 'time served' does not incorporate jail credit time. If an offender returns from an escape lasting longer than 29 days, or returns on a probation or parole violation, their date of return is utilized as the date of incarceration in the 'time served' calculation.

Table 54 shows an analysis of cases excluded from the study:

Table 54: Reason for Exclusion by Committing Institution, 1997 Releases

Reason for Exclusion	Cedar Junction	Concord	Framingham	Other Jurisdiction	Total
Release File Error	9	7	0	0	16
Not Released to	0	0	1	1	2
Community					
Deceased	3	0	0	0	3
Total	12	7	1	1	21

Table 55 presents a comparison between the recidivism rate (re-incarceration) <u>excluding</u> technical violation of parole and probation and the recidivism rate (re-incarceration) <u>including</u> technical violations of parole and probation.

Table 55

1997 Recidivism Rates (Re-incarceration) Excluding Technical Violations of Parole and Probation

		Recidivism Rate Without Techn 1st Year 2nd Year				Total			
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate
Male	2,215	302	14%	300	14%	186	8%	788	36%
Female	746	123	16%	73	10%	49	7%	245	33%
Total	2961	425	14%	373	13%	235	8%	1033	35%

1997 Recidivism Rates (Re-incarceration) Including Technical Violations of Parole and Probation

		Recid	ivism Ra	m Rate With Technical Violations						
		1st Year		2nd Year		3rd Year		Total		
Gender	N	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	Rec	Rate	
Male	2215	440	20%	328	15%	182	8%	950	43%	
Female	746	153	21%	74	10%	49	7%	276	37%	
Total	2961	593	20%	402	14%	231	8%	1226	41%	

In the first section of this report, a recidivist is defined as any inmate released to the street from the DOC during 1997 who is re-incarcerated to a Massachusetts State or County facility or to a Federal facility within three years of his/her release. Types of re-incarceration include technical violation of parole, parole violation with a new offense, return to county custody, return to state or federal custody, technical violation of probation, and probation violation with a new offense. Of the 1,226 inmates that were a recidivist using this definition, 239 were re-incarcerated for a technical parole or probation violation. Of the 239 inmates that returned for a technical violation, 46 of them had another return within the three-year period that was used when determining the recidivism rate excluding technical violations. Table 55 presents a comparison of the 1997 recidivism rate excluding inmates re-incarcerated for a technical violation of parole or probation. As shown in the above table, the number of inmates that returned within the three-year period was less (n= 1,033) when excluding technical violations. The recidivism rate including the technical violations is 41%, compared to a rate of 35% when excluding them. The biggest difference in the recidivism rate was seen during the first year post release. The recidivism rate for men including the technical violations was 20% compared to a rate of 14% when excluding them during the first year post-release. The rate for the females was also much higher including the technical violations (21%), than it was when excluding the technical violations (16%), first year post-release. This was not seen in the second and third year of the follow-up period. During the second year, there was only a difference of 1% in the recidivism rate when excluding the technical violations, and there was no difference in the rate during the third year.

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^{****} Inmates who were released during 1997 following a return for a technical violation are included in the 1997 release population. For purposes of the above table, inmates returned as a technical violator within the three-year period following their release to the street are not considered a recidivist. Therefore, the first instance of a non-technical return could cause more than one release to be counted as a recidivist.

Glossary

AGE AT INCARCERATION Age at incarceration for current sentence. Jail

credits are included in the calculation of age at

incarceration.

DOC Department of Correction

EXPIRATION DATE Inmate is discharged from his sentence without the

deduction of earned good time.

GCD DATE An inmate is discharged from his sentence at the

> expiration of his term, less any statutory or earned good time. Statutory good time was eliminated for all offenses committed after June 30, 1994, due to the

enactment of the "Truth in Sentencing" law.

HOC House of Correction

LENGTH OF INCARCERATION In the past, was referred to

as 'time served'. 'Time served' was calculated using the offender's commitment date and release date, whereas length of

incarceration is calculated utilizing the incarceration and release dates gathered through the recidivism data

collection process.

OFFENSES

Armed Assault Includes assault with intent to rob - being armed,

armed assaults in dwelling houses, and armed

assault to steal a motor vehicle.

Assault - Intent to Murder Includes assault with intent to murder, attempted

murder, and accessory to murder.

Includes assault, assault and Assault, Other

> battery, assault on an officer, and assault not before

mentioned.

Includes assault on person Assault w/Intent to Rape of Minor

> under sixteen with intent to commit rape, and indecent assault and battery on child

under 14.

Class A Includes possession, sale,

> manufacturing, distribution, dispensing of a Class A controlled substance (Heroin,

1997 DOC Recidivism

Morphine) or intent to do any

of the above.

Class B Same as above, but for Class B controlled

substance (Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Cocaine).

Class C Same as above, but for Class

C controlled substance (LSD,

Hash).

Class D Same as above, but for Class

D controlled substance

(Marijuana).

Class E Same as above, but for Class

E controlled substance (Prescription Drugs).

Contempt of Court Includes contempt of court,

violation of a court order, and violation of a restraining

order.

Crimes Against Chastity/Morality Includes unnatural and

lascivious acts, incest, fornication, lewd lascivious cohabitation, open and gross lewdness, child pornography, indecent exposure, and other pornography or obscenities.

CSA Controlled Substance Act

Other Includes nonsupport,

unlawful possession of alcohol, trespassing, false alarm of fire, attempt to commit crime, habitual criminal, resisting arrest, bribery, drunkenness, gaming, and other.

Other Drug Includes possession of

narcotic drugs, stealing narcotics, inducing another to violate the narcotic drug law, sale of narcotics, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of narcotics (All inactive historical codes).

Other Person Includes confining or putting a person in fear for the

purpose of stealing, mayhem, extortion, conspiracy,

and violation of civil rights.

1997 DOC Recidivism

Other Property Includes common and

notorious thief, fraud, and malicious or wanton injuries

to property.

OUI Operating Under the

Influence.

Prostitution Includes common night walker, deriving support from

a prostitute, and prostitution.

Rape of Minor Includes rape of person

under sixteen, and rape of

child.

Receiving Stolen Goods Includes common receiver of

stolen goods.

Unarmed Assault Includes assaults with intent

to rob - not being armed.

Vehicle Offenses Includes motor vehicle

offenses, and leaving the

scene.

Vehicle Theft Includes theft of a motor

vehicle, and use without

authority.

Weapons Offenses Includes weapons offenses,

and weapons violations.

PAROLE Released under the supervision of parole.

PV or P.V. Parole Violation

SECURITY LEVELS

Maximum Security MCI-Cedar Junction

(Walpole)

Medium Security Bay State Correctional

Center (7/10/91 and After) Bridgewater State Hospital Massachusetts Boot Camp Massachusetts Treatment Center

MCI-Concord MCI-Framingham MCI-Norfolk

MCI-Shirley (Medium) North Central Correctional Institution (NCCI)-Gardner Old Colony Correctional

Center (OCCC)

Southeastern Correctional

Center (SECC)

1997 DOC Recidivism

Minimum Security Longwood Treatment Center

Massachusetts Boot Camp Northeastern Correctional

Center (NCC) MCI-Plymouth

Southeastern Correctional

Center-Minimum

Minimum MCI-Shirley-Minimum

Pondville Correctional

Center(PCC)

Minimum/Pre-Release Hodder House

MCI-Lancaster South Middlesex Correctional Center

State Pre-Release Boston State

Park Drive

Contract Pre-Release Charlotte House

Houston House PPREP (Pre-Parole Residential Environment

Program)